Effect of Bhopal Gas incident on employees of Mandala Balaghat Grameen Bank

1836. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that 18 employees of Mandala-Balaghat Grameen Bank were affected by the Bhopal gas incident and have become blind ; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to rehabilitate them ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) and (b) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) have reported that thirty employees of Mandala-Balaghat Grameen Bank were undergoing a training course at Bhopal at the time of Gas leak. Only three of the participants from this Grameen Bank had submitted applications stating that they were affected by the Gas leak. Their applications were duly forwarded to the State Government. The Grameen Bank has reported that the eye sight of one of the three applicants was diminishing and the other one was suffering from chest pain. It has further been reported that the State Government have directed all District Collectors to make available free treatment in Government hospitals in the State to gas affected persons.

Award of National Industrial Tribunal for Regional Rural Bank staff

1837. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI :
SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Award of National Industrial Tribunal relating to the Regional Rural Bank staff, is binding and final ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for which Government have not yet notified the Award through a Gazette Notification ;

(c) what steps have so far been taken by Government to implement the Award ; and

(d) what is the time schedule by which Government will implement this Award ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) In terms of Government Resolution dated 26-11-1987 constituting the National Industrial Tribunal for deciding pay, allowances and other benefits to the employees of Regional Rural Banks, the decisions of the said Tribunal shall be final and binding.

(b) to (d) The award made by the Tribunal is under legal scrutiny at present.

Appointment-cum-Promotion Rules of Regional Rural Banks staff

1838. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Appointment-*cum*-Promotion Rules of Regional Rural Banks staff have been approved by Parliament and it is still effective ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for which some of the sponsoring banks have advised in writing to their sponsored Regional Rural Banks not to give effect or take any action in the matter of promotion till the date of implementation of Award ;

(c) whether Government have issued any such directive to the sponsoring Banks or Regional Rural Banks to ignore the Promotion Rules